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W. E. BROCK WRITES

An Alma Man in Mexico Tells of the
Trouble in Mexico Recently

AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT

Tale of An American in Midst of Revolution
Sounds Like a War Correspondent Story

W. E. Brock of Alma has been in the midst of the Mexican revolution and has written in a most interesting way of his experience in the southern country. Coming first hand from an eye witness of the scenes of warfare and from a man in close touch with the business interests of the country, the account is especially valuable to those interested in Mexico. To those who are not it will prove of much interest from the standpoint of a story of adventure. The article is written in diary form covering a week or two while Mr. Brock was entirely cut off from outside communication. The writer refers to "Art" who is a brother, and "Lulu" a sister frequently. Mr. Brock is a graduate of Alma high school and Alma college, class of 1902, and is interested in the lumbering business in the south.

Parral, Chih., Mexico, May 14, 11
I left Corralles on the 9th, and went on up to Chihuahua to have an interview with Amador Gonzalez. The day I left Jimenez it was rumored that the Maderistas were very active around Santa Rosalia and that the train was in danger of capture. For that reason, I suppose, I was the sole passenger. However, I saw nothing exciting on the journey, nor on the way back, but I understand that the very next day the line was cut and no trains have been through I met many of the prominent Mexicans, including men of both parties, and gleaned a lot of very interesting information concerning the happenings of the past few months around Chihuahua. I found that most of these men favor the principles advocated by Madero, but only one or two thought him the right man to succeed Diaz in the presidency. Also, and contrary to my expectation they all seemed to hold Diaz in the highest regard and do not sympathize with the movement to force him to immediately relinquish his office. They say in effect, that while Diaz is undoubtedly both a remarkable statesman and of unusual energy and capacity, he has had more power than any one man ought to hold, and that it has been simply beyond the ability of any one mortal to give an evenly impartial government to all parts of so huge a country as this. Most of the men he has been leaning on for his advisors and subordinates have been fairly patriotic but some few have been entirely selfish in their exploitations and smooth enough to keep the wool pulled over the old man's eyes. Probably the worst of these latter, and certainly the ones who were the immediate cause of the uprising, were the Creel-Terrazas crowd of this state. By virtue of their control of all the state offices from governor down to the Jefe Municipales of the villages, and also their ownership of the Banco Minero, the chief financial institution of the state, they seem to have put through a scheme of political grafting that would do credit to the brightest American of gentle and lucrative art. A few years ago, when Creel, Terrazas and the Banco Minero became active, there was a large surplus of cash in the state treasury. Now the state owes the Banco Minero more than \$5,000,000 and pays ten per cent interest on it. Also large amounts of bonds covering municipal and state improvements as well as millions of acres of public lands have been gobbled up, so it is alleged, and there is nothing to show for it. I imagine they could have gone on in this way for a long time yet, though if they had not become careless and crude in their proceedings. These people are most easy going and docile, and I have noticed that even such alert kickers as are the masses of Americans will continue to swallow the putrid pills of exploiting politicians almost as long as they are kept sugar coated.

Friday, May 19th, 1911.
Twelve hundred troops, well armed and mounted, making up the entire Federal force that has been operating in this district, have been mobilizing at Parral during the past three or four days, but for what purpose we did not know until to-day. Now they are marching up to the station where they have seven trains ready to take them as far as possible toward Chihuahua. Parral will be evacuated and left to the tender mercies of the Maderistas. Three

hundred persons making up the late Federal officials, the most active of the supporters of Diaz together with their families are accompanying the soldiers.

It was a very interesting and quite an imposing parade the soldiers made as they rode and marched in double column through the narrow streets to the station. With them, in a sort of a hollow square, they dragged a hundred or more of the wretched prisoners from the jails of both Jimenez and Parral. It is said that all the prisoners were rounded up last night, that fifteen of the worst were executed, 150 or more were turned loose, and these others are to be placed in the penitentiary in Chihuahua. Since Jimenez is also being abandoned by the Federals and, not knowing just what effect this might have on the affairs of the Hacienda Corrales, Mr. Nagel decided to ride out there this afternoon and leave me here to look after the house. Besides Lulu and Art, there are now living at the hacienda headquarters, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and Miss Bradley. Whatever happens, I feel that they are entirely safe out there, and besides, they are entirely comfortable and seem to be thoroughly enjoying the novelties and pleasures of the place.

Monday May 22nd, 1911.
Saturday was a great day for the Maderistas. About ten o'clock that morning a troop of three hundred of them came marching triumphantly in under the Caballero Madero. Some of them were well armed and mounted, but for the most part they did not appear to me like men who had any license to win any battles from the Federals. But the populace welcomed them with open arms and crowds headed by all the brass bands in town, went out to meet them and placed garlands of flowers around the necks of the leaders, who, it happened, were mostly natives of Parral, and treated them as conquering heroes. It was an extremely interesting, and I must add, a very pretty sight to see the Maderistas, of course, have no uniform, but the bright bands of tri-color ribbons, red, white and green, wound round their big hats, and the sheen of the yellow cartridge belts criss crossed over their shoulders, gave plenty of color to the picture, while the easy grace with they rode their little ponies made one forget the many deficiencies in their military equipment.

The Caballero Herrera seems to be a very sensible and cool-headed young man and lost no time in getting down to the business of setting up a government for the city. Infante Parra, a miner in the employ of Mr. Nagel, was appointed the provisional Jefe Municipal, and he already has a police force in working order and has kept excellent order so far. Saturday night this new Jefe came up to the house to announce to his employer the news of his election and he evinced all the joy symptoms of a child with a new toy, and then went on to explain, in the extravagant Spanish way, how thoroughly all of this household could count on him to do anything we might desire for ensuring protection to our lives and property. He gave me passports and the right to carry arms for Art, Nagel, Mr. Bradley and any teamsters we might send up from the hacienda, as well as for myself.

Since the arrival of the first troop, several other bands of Maderistas have come into town, and yesterday afternoon, having unexpectedly discovered some films for one of the cameras, I went out to an improvised parade ground alongside the river about 250 troopers were lined up on their horses to welcome each other. I made me smile to see some of those ferocious looking old bandits adjust their hats and pose for the camera like a lot of school girls.

Let you think that Herrera is so
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TO SELL REAL ESTATE

Supervisor L. M. Sweet Purchases
the Interest of Geo. Bansill

Supervisor L. M. Sweet of the second ward has purchased the interest of Alderman George Bansill in the firm of Bansill & Swigart, and commencing Sept. first the firm will be known as Sweet & Swigart. Mr. Sweet is a well known citizen of Gratiot county, a successful business man and one with hosts of friends. As a result of this together with the assistance of his partner, Judge John T. Swigart, will undoubtedly continue the large and lucrative business already established by Messrs. Bansill & Swigart. The retiring partner, Mr. Bansill, will be connected with the business until Sept. first, when he will retire and with Mrs. Bansill spend the winter months in California.

SUPERVISORS QUIT

Board of Equalization Boost County
\$410,000

\$85,306.40 IN TREASURY

Supervisor T. A. Ely, F. Bradford and Owens
to Attend State Meet

The Board of Supervisors finished their June session last Friday. Supervisors Bradford of Arcadia and Owens of Wheeler were elected by the board as additional representatives with T. A. Ely to attend the State Equalization Board at Lansing. An error was discovered in the report of the committee on county officers and as corrected leaves a balance on hand in the county treasury, June 1, of \$85,306.40, including all funds. The committee on equalization made their report Friday morning and it was adopted by the board. Townships and cities as they were assessed and as they were equalized:

	As assessed.	As equalized.
Arcadia	\$ 805,060	\$ 795,000
Bethany	694,475	825,000
Elba	665,020	610,000
Emerson	854,060	880,000
Fulton	1,020,540	960,000
Hamilton	488,825	440,000
Ithaca	1,038,418	1,050,000
Lafayette	889,275	830,000
Newark	1,020,500	895,000
New Haven	645,920	605,000
North Shade	1,030,600	930,000
North Star	974,039	950,000
Pine River	631,100	785,000
Seville	546,430	570,000
Summer	543,750	665,000
Washington	723,230	760,000
Wheeler	768,811	760,000
St. Louis		
1st ward	144,223	142,552
2nd ward	380,858	475,317
3rd ward	135,030	168,519
4th ward	195,200	243,612
Alma		
1st ward	499,290	475,163
2nd ward	682,290	649,986
3rd ward	207,550	197,321
4th ward	301,920	287,330
Totals	\$15,857,714	\$16,020,000

The total equalization of the county last year was \$15,620,000 which makes the present equalization \$410,000 higher.

CONNELLY-EGAN

June 27 Wedding at St Patrick's
Church Summerton

On June 27th at St. Patrick's church, Summerton, occurred one of the prettiest weddings of the season, when Miss Susie, only daughter of Mrs. P. D. Egan, was united in holy matrimony, to Mr. John Connelly. Rev. John Mulvey, officiating. The bride was dressed in white chiffon over white silk and wore a large picture hat. She was assisted by her cousin, Miss Mayne McLoughlin, of St. Louis. Thomas Connelly, brother of the groom acted as best man. After the ceremony breakfast was served at the home of the bride to the immediate relatives. The guests from away were, Rev. F. B. Brogger of Merrill, former pastor of the parish, Miss Mary Brogger of Merrill, Rev. John Mulvey of Alma, Miss Faith McCarthy of Vernon, Mrs. Jno. Cotter of Hoquiam, Wash., James, Louis and Robert McLoughlin of St. Louis. The couple left for an extended trip through the east. Mr. and Mrs. Connelly will be at home to their friends after July 15th.

John Dunham arrived home from Ann Arbor Monday evening where he has been attending the University.

Miss M. Jeanette Kellogg, of Saginaw, is visiting Rev. Jackson and family this week.

Mr. Wilbur Price left for Big Rapids, Monday evening to spend a couple of weeks.

Ford Gargett and Barney Boersman went to Saginaw to spend the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew O. Boyle were Clare visitors the Fourth.

Alger Wood went to Clare the Fourth to play ball.

Theodore Gates celebrated at Vestaburg the Fourth.

John Hammond spent the Fourth in Stanton.

Perry Adams spent the Fourth in Saginaw.

John Gallagher was in Belding the Fourth.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst unto the heavenly home above, our Sister Miss Elsie Gilken;

Resolved, That we, as officers and members of Superior Rebekah Lodge, No. 101, Alma, Mich., extend to all the bereaved ones left to mourn her departure, our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. Though her death cast a gloom of sadness over their home it is a great comfort to know that she is at rest;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family and a copy placed in the minutes of our Lodge.

Signed,
MRS. G. KNIGHT,
MRS. J. C. FOSTER,
MRS. N. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Prof. F. E. Ellsworth and wife returned Monday evening from Marquette, where they have been visiting for some days. Mr. Ellsworth visited various school buildings while absent from Alma, and reported the one at Negaunee the finest he ever had the pleasure of visiting.

The motor car north on the A. R. R. due at Alma at 9:34 failed to arrive Tuesday morning, getting only as far as Ithaca, where trouble with the transformer caused the car to be tied up for repairs. An engine and two cars took its run passing through Alma at 1:16.

Will Moody had the misfortune one day last week to badly injure the little finger of his right hand. The accident occurred by a horse jerking a snap through his hand in a manner which lacerated the flesh to the bone.

L. M. Perrigo, the Forest Hill implement dealer is planning many changes in his residence. He expects to have work commenced about July 15th, and when completed will have an up-to-date residence.

Mrs. T. A. Johnston has returned to her Oklahoma home and expects in company with Mr. Johnston to spend the remainder of the heated term in the mountains of Colorado.

The City Council have caused the alley between State and Prospect streets running from Superior street to the depot to be opened up.

Sun Brothers circus passed through Alma Monday night on its way to Mt. Pleasant, where they gave two shows Tuesday.

Miss Marion Creaser, of Sunfield, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Creaser and wife, this week.

Frank Pressley, of the Gratiot County poor farm spent Tuesday in Saginaw.

Eli Brown and family are enjoying the cooling breezes that are prevalent in and around Lake City.

J. J. Kirby, general passenger agent of the Ann Arbor R. R. was in Alma Tuesday morning.

Miss Florence Church spent the first of the week with her Alma friends.

City mail carrier Hollenbeck spent a day last week in the vicinity of Clare.

Elmer Shepler is the owner of a five passenger E. M. F. auto.

Council meeting Thursday evening of this week.

GOES TO OWOSSO

Wm. Demuth Leaves Alma Sugar Co.
to Accept Position at Owosso

Wm Demuth, alderman from the second ward and engineer at the Sugar Co's plant, has tendered his resignation and accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Owosso plant. Mr Demuth staked out the Alma plant when the factory buildings were constructed and has been constantly in the employ of the company since. Mr Demuth is thoroughly familiar with all the details of Sugar making and will prove a valuable man to the Owosso plant. The citizens of Owosso are to be congratulated upon the fact that Mr Demuth and family have decided to make that city their home.

Mrs. Catherine Seymour of Saginaw, Deputy Great Commander of the L. O. T. M. M., arrived Wednesday in the interests of that lodge.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Enquire of Mrs. A. B. Scattergood.

GRATIOT COUNTY BARN

Ira Moody of Pine River Erecting a
Model Building

ON MOODY FARM FOREST HILL

Hay Room for 100 Tons—Concrete Foundation
Wall

Ira Moody is erecting a barn 40x70 with an L shape addition 34x46 that when finished will be one of the best and largest barns in Pine River township. The carpenter work is in charge of Contractor Dutt of this city, which is of itself evidence of good workmanship. The roof is 50 feet from the ground and the first hip being 16 feet, second 14 followed by a tail rafter of 2 feet. The building is to be shingled with Oregon cedar shingles and sided with ship siding. Modern and up-to-date tools are to be installed; a gasoline engine used to pump water to the stock; a silo built to hold the feed and other improvements made. Mr. Moody is a hustler and the best is none too good for him.

VALUABLE PRIZE FOR

Best Sugar Beet—To be Awarded at
New York City Next Fall

The sugar beet growers of America will have an opportunity to compete for a \$1,000 prize cup to be awarded at the American Land and Irrigation exposition to be held in New York city next November for the best beets there exhibited. This valuable silver cup is donated by Horace O. Havemeyer, son of the late sugar grower and manufacturer.

While the terms of award for this handsome prize have not been definitely settled, it is the opinion of Mr. Havemeyer and Gilbert McClurg, general manager of the land show, that the beets should be judged on ten, 45 points; purity, 15 points; shape, 15 points; weight, 25 points.

This basis of award has been arrived at after correspondence with some of the leading growers, sugar beet buyers and agricultural experts, and is not officially decided. The exhibit is to consist of five beets and must be accompanied by a detailed history of how the crop from which the sample was taken was grown and harvested. Growers can secure full information regarding this sugar beet contest from Mr. McClurg. His address is 149 Broadway, New York city.

The American Land and Irrigation exposition to be held in Madison Square Garden next November will be the first "land" show ever held in New York city, the metropolis of America.

EXPLAINS ITSELF

St. Louis, July 5, 1911.
Mr. Orville Allen, Mgr., Alma Band
Alma, Mich.

Dear Friend:—

I am enclosing you order on the treasurer of our Finance Com. I presume that you can get the cash on it at any of the banks. The bank can ascertain the reliability of the paper by phoning the treasurer.

As Chairman of the Music Committee, I wish to express my satisfaction to your boys for their prompt and reliable service, and which is of still more importance, in my estimation, their quiet and gentlemanly conduct.

With thanks and best wishes for your boys, I am

Yours very truly
C. W. Yerington.

ISHAM-CHAMBER

July 5, 1913 will be the first anniversary of the marriage of Miss Mildred Isham and Milton Chambers of New Haven Centre. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Cook of the Baptist church after which the newly-wed repaired to the residence of the bride at the corner of Walnut and River streets. A score or more of their friends appeared at the home late in the evening and made their presence known by what was known in olden times as a chivvrie. The newly-wed responded to the urgent invitation of their friends and appeared on the scene for congratulations. Mrs. Chambers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Isham and Mr. Chambers a well-known school-teacher at New Haven Centre. Their friends throughout the county extend congratulations. They will make their home in New Haven.

When the big circus begin to unload their wonders in Alma, next Thursday, July 30, and an army of workmen set up ten acres of tents and hoists a thousand flags and banners into the heavens, it will be the cue for the business man to lock his office or store, put on his Sunday clothes, take his children by the hand and hoof it to the show grounds as he did when he was a boy. In that city of tents the wonders of the world be gathered and the man who retains a sufficient memory of his youth to see things through a boy's eyes will have the time of his life.

The event means more this year than ever before, because it is the return of an old favorite after several years of world traveling. The Forepaugh and Sells Brothers' circus has grown and improved since it was last seen here. Its old friends will scarcely recognize it. It is something vastly different from what it used to be, yet there is not a time in its history that it was not considered the best show in America by those who keep posted in such matters.

The parade will take place at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of show day. It will be the same elaborate street pageant that received such unbounded praise when it passed over the boulevards of New York city. Not a thing has been changed since then. The down town ticket office will open early in the morning. It will be located in Wheaton's Drug Store and all reserved seats and admissions will be sold there at the same prices charged at the regular ticket wagons on the grounds. This office is operated for the benefit of those who wish to avoid the rush on the ground. It is a convenience that will be appreciated and should be taken advantage of.

The railroads are expecting to handle the record-breaking crowd that will surely come from the surrounding towns and country. No circus day in the past year has ever occasioned the genuine excitement that this one has already aroused. It will be a big day in local amusement affairs, and a chance of a lifetime for those who like novelty and splendor and lots of it. It is doubtful if there will ever be another opportunity to see such wonderful acts as those of the Ty-Bell Human Butterflies, the sensational double somersaulting automobile, Capt. Webb's two troupes of trained seals and sealions, Prof. Taylor's monkey circus, the Pajaro family of Gipsy riders, the Elliott family of aerialists, the greatest company of clowns ever seen in America and the great Hines-Kimball company of acrobats.

GIRLS WANTED—100 girls wanted as weavers in our mills at Belding, Mich. Experience not necessary. Steady work and good wages. Particular attention is given to clean and sanitary surroundings. For particulars as to work and wages, write to Belding Bros. & Co., Belding, Mich. 167918

ONE ON MARSHALL WRIGHT

Last Monday evening a lively calf consigned to parties in Hart reached Alma and was left at the depot for transfer Tuesday morning. Either its close confinement in the crate or the fact that it was homesick and wanted its ma caused the animal to bellow sufficiently loud and continually to arouse the residents of that portion of the city from their slumbers. The noise is said to have reminded those who heard, of an animal in distress. But whether released from his confinement by someone desirous of stopping the noise or by its own pressure on the crate is to be surmised. Suffice to say that in the early hours of the morning of July 4, U S Express driver John Wright was notified of the absence of the animal and said Wright immediately started a search for the missing critter, which was finally located near the Golf links, but decidedly unwilling to be captured. Mr L Hollenbeck had joined Mr Wright in the search and the two gave the animal a lively chase over the north end of the city, finally bringing him up in the Alfalfa field on West Downie street. Here the party was joined by nightwatch Vibber and the fun began. The gentlemen in the party worked quietly and without noise but not so with their victim, the calf, who, when he saw himself corralled commenced to bellow in a way that caused the residents of that end of the city to rush to their windows in haste. The beast was finally lassoed and at 5:30 was confined in his crate and later sent on his way to his owner at Hart. It is safe to say that many a person was up earlier than usual July 4th as a result of the above escapade.

A Staffin of the Detroit Stained Glass Co. is repairing the windows of the M E church that were broken by the recent hail storm. A very excellent job is being done. The same firm have in charge the repairing of the broken windows in the Baptist church.

COLLEGE ALUMNI

Some Interesting Statistics Gleaned
From the Annual

PROFESSIONS REPRESENTED

Scotland and Japan Represented in Student Body

The Alma college annual for this year gives some interesting information concerning the alumni of the college. In part the article says—"Perhaps there is no other college in the world of the same age and size that has turned out so many men of caliber for the various pursuits of life. In the brief twenty-four years of her existence Alma has placed men and women in nearly every profession, and at present graduates of her literary department alone are located in twenty-four different states and six foreign countries. Alma has sent teachers, business and professional men, and ministers to half the states of the union, as well as several foreign countries, and her missionaries have gone out to all the countries of the Orient. A survey of the graduates will show how well they have profited by the training received within her walls. It is interesting to know that everyone of them has given good account of himself in some worthy pursuit. The figures show that 43 per cent have been teachers in public school work; 20 per cent or one of every five are ministers; 4 per cent missionaries; 7 per cent business men; 2 per cent journalists; 8 per cent are professors at the heads of departments in colleges; 3 per cent are religious and settlement workers; 2 per cent are in public library work; 4 per cent are specialists in various forms of scientific work; and 4 per cent are engaged in miscellaneous pursuits, as farming, etc. The above figures are in regard to the literary department only, and an investigation of the graduates of the other departments we find them located in every state and many foreign countries. The graduates of the kindergarten training department are located in public schools and mission schools in several states. The graduates of the music school are following their chosen work in America or are pursuing advanced study in the conservatories of Europe."

It is also interesting to notice where the students are from. During the past year students have come from Japan and Scotland among the foreign countries, and Montana, Illinois, New Mexico, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan among the states. Nearly every county in Michigan is represented.

GAVE PIANO RECITAL

Pupils of Miss Theo Amsbury Gave
Entertainment at Ithaca

The music pupils of Miss Theo. Amsbury of this city gave a public recital last Friday night at eight o'clock in the Methodist church at Ithaca, in which ten of her pupils took part. The program was well selected and both teacher and pupils are to be congratulated upon the ease and skill with which they performed their parts.

The program was as follows:
Le Carillon.....Ringnet
Lucile and Marie McCormack.
Sunset.....Read
Oma-line Yerby.
The Flute Player.....Wolff
Angie Van Buskirk.
A May Day.....Rathbun
Elsie Barden.
Pensee.....Godard
Lucile McCormack.
Spring Song.....Mendelssohn
Irene McCall.
Just a Dream.....Ferber
Ellen Redmen.
Dance of the Nymphs.....Fischer
Luella Wilkinson.
Danse Negre.....Schakoff
Marie McCormack.
The Red Slipper.....Beaumont
Mearle Kenyon.
Waltz.....Moszkowski
Miss Amsbury.

The program was greatly enjoyed by everyone, and Miss Amsbury was compelled to respond to an encore.

L.M. Perrigo was in Detroit last week after four E. M. F. automobiles he has sold to residents of Gratiot County.

M. Pollasky transacted business in Howard City this week.